

Senate Resolution 43 - Introduced

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1 1 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. ____
1 2 HOGG and HARTSUCH
1 3 A Resolution to recognize May 2007 as American Stroke
1 4 Awareness Month and National High Blood Pressure
1 5 Education Month.
1 6 WHEREAS, the themes for American Stroke Awareness
1 7 Month 2007 are "Young People and Stroke," in order to
1 8 educate the public and policymakers about the
1 9 devastating effects of stroke in young people under
1 10 age 30, and "Igniting the Power to End Stroke," in
1 11 order to empower African-Americans, who are at
1 12 particularly high risk of the disease, to reduce their
1 13 risk, recognize the warning signs, and respond
1 14 quickly; and
1 15 WHEREAS, stroke, the third leading cause of death
1 16 in Iowa, leads to the death of nearly 2,000 citizens
1 17 of Iowa each year even though it is highly treatable
1 18 in the first three hours; and
1 19 WHEREAS, stroke is a leading cause of serious
1 20 long-term disability with more than two-thirds of
1 21 stroke survivors experiencing functional limitations
1 22 or difficulty with activities of daily living; and
1 23 WHEREAS, Iowans are more aware of the risk factors
1 24 and warning signs for stroke than in the past, but
1 25 only one in five adults know all six stroke symptoms;
1 26 and
1 27 WHEREAS, warning signs of stroke include sudden
1 28 numbness or weakness of the face, arm, or leg,
1 29 especially on one side of the body; sudden confusion,
1 30 trouble speaking or understanding; sudden trouble
2 1 seeing in one or both eyes; sudden trouble walking,
2 2 dizziness, or loss of balance or coordination; and
2 3 sudden severe headache with no known cause; and
2 4 WHEREAS, high blood pressure is a primary cause of
2 5 stroke, one in four Iowans have high blood pressure,
2 6 more than half of the Iowans with high blood pressure
2 7 are younger than 65 years old, and blood pressures
2 8 greater than 120/80 require a plan to prevent
2 9 full-blown high blood pressure; and
2 10 WHEREAS, new and effective treatments have been
2 11 developed to treat high blood pressure and minimize
2 12 the severity and damaging effects of strokes, but much
2 13 more research is needed; NOW THEREFORE,
2 14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate
2 15 recognizes May 2007 as American Stroke Awareness Month
2 16 and National High Blood Pressure Education Month in
2 17 Iowa and urges all citizens to react to stroke
2 18 symptoms immediately and treat high blood pressure
2 19 aggressively so that we might begin to reduce the
2 20 devastating effects of stroke on our population; and
2 21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate recognizes
2 22 the American Stroke Association, a division of the
2 23 American Heart Association, for its ongoing efforts to
2 24 educate Americans concerning the threat posed by
2 25 strokes and high blood pressure.
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